

Saint Louis Medical Librarians

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Present: Cheryle Cann, Jennifer Plaat, Donghua Tao, Maria Minowitz, Cathy Sarli

The meeting was called to order. The minutes of the March (18th?) approved as submitted.

Donghua gave us the Treasurer's Report and it was accepted.

Old Business

Cheryle informed us that Written Annual Reports have now been received from the Committee Chairs. If present, Committee Chairs presented their reports.

Archives (Phil Skroska, in absentia)) will be spending some funds for more archival boxes. Marysue Schaffer had been working with the materials looking for information for a history of SLML being written in celebration of Saint Louis Medical Librarians 50th Anniversary.

Communications (Holly Hubenschmidt, in absentia) reported that we have now successfully completed setting up SLML's new web pages and are ready to receive content for posting to the web page. The SLML-L discussion list is now on a new server so everyone needs to know the new web address is sml-l@wusmlist.wustl.edu when you want to send messages to everyone.

Governance (Cheryle Cann) reported that the Board has approved some changes in the current Bylaws. These changes must go to the full membership for discussion before requesting approval at the Annual Business Meeting. She will be sending out the information in a couple of weeks. Some progress has been made in updating the SLML Procedure Manual. Several sections have new descriptions but she would like to try the update from another angle (involving current and previous committee chairs and the elected officers) and hopes to complete the update in the 2010/2011 Organizational Year.

Membership (Cathy Sarli) reported that our current membership is about 55 individuals. We have had a couple of new members join who have brought our numbers up. Cathy has now streamlined the process and members are better at sending their dues in a timely manner. However, we do have to make occasional phone calls (or emails) to remind someone that they need to pay their membership so that they may participate in the group's activities. We tabled discussion on keeping the Institutional Membership category until we have more Board members present to discuss and vote.

Nominating (Cheryle Cann) reported that the committee had met and came up with a good slate of candidates for the positions of President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary and Member at Large. Information about voting and the ballot will be sent out May 18, 2010 and votes will be due by June 18, 2010.

Program and Continuing Education (Jennifer Plaat) reported that the committee had planned and put on a variety of programs and educational offerings for the group. Attendance has not been very high,

but we are ever hopeful that attendance will improve. A brief discussion was held on charging for attendance to our educational offerings, and possibly some programs. We have not been charging our members to attend the MLA webcasts this past year. Again, we tabled the discussion until we have more Board Members present to discuss and vote on the issue.

Recognition and Awards (Maria Minowitz for Christina Sullivan) reported that the committee members appreciated Maria's help on the project of planning and having the award certificates ready for the Annual Awards Luncheon.

New Business

Celebration of Saint Louis Medical Librarians 50th Anniversary (1960-2010) (Jennifer Plaat, Cheryle Cann). Having made use of the SLML Archives at Becker Library Marysue Schaffer has drafted a history of the group. This has been shared with the Board of Directors (in March?) but not yet discussed. What kind of celebration shall we have? Invite current members only? Invite former members who have retired and/or left the profession? We would like to gather as many names (and contact information) as we can find among the membership of the group. We would like to gather memories and pictures of the group from the decades. Jennifer suggested that she would work on locating a place for this celebration to be held.

MCMLA 2011 (Jennifer Plaat), (Jackie Hittner in absentia). Jennifer announced that the conference hotel will be the Frontenac Hotel (Lindbergh just north of I64/40) and the dates September 24-25, 2011. They are working on planning for the conference programs and speakers. Continuing Education offerings will be handled by the Mid Continent Chapter of the Medical Library Association Research Committee.